

Scott Wilkie News



Autumn 1 - October 2023

Striving to provide a world class education to
create world class citizens

Message from Mrs Quayum

We have reached the end of the first half term of this new academic year. The year got off to a great start with children quickly settling in to their new classes. As well as the learning that has taken in the classroom, the children have already been benefiting from learning outside the classroom. Of course Year 6 have been away on residential at Fairplay House since Tuesday this week and we look forward to hearing about their time there when they return.

Once again while school was closed over the summer, the builders were in making further improvements to the site for the children. With two year three classes this year, the SEN classroom was relocated to the mobile with the addition of a lovely outdoor area for their use. This has meant that the gated area between Reception and KS2 was freed up and has been put to good use at break time providing children with a safe space to use. We have had a further three intervention rooms created to provide additional spaces for small group and one to one intervention work.

Thank you those parents who completed the parent survey at the end of the summer term. Unfortunately we only had 37 responses but nonetheless they still provided us with valuable feedback. More detailed feedback is included in this newsletter.

The summer holiday feels like it was a long time away now and I think both staff and children are ready for a rest! Whatever you are doing over a half-term I wish you a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

Harvest Collection

A big thank you to all the families who donated food for our Harvest Collection this year. Miss Olu has now taken the donations along to be delivered to families in need in our community.

Whole School Sharing Assembly

The table below shows which classes have an assembly coming up next half term so that you can see when it is your child's class's turn and come and see your child. Please arrive just before 11am. The assemblies last for about 20mins. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance Matters

Class	%
RD	92.6
RK	92.7
IH	91.7
IS	91.8
2A	96.7
2R	94.1
3B	96.0
3O	90.1
4C	96.0
4P	96.3
5J	94.8
6R	91.5
6S	94.1
All	94.0

Based on the attendance figures from the 4th September to 20th October, 2A are the attendance winners for this half term—well done to them! Unfortunately, the overall attendance for Y1-6 during that time is 94.0% which is below the national target of 96% and even below our attendance for this time last year.

Missing even a day of school matters. Attending school regularly helps children with forming friendships, being happier and of course making the most of their education. The government and Newham are focusing on improving attendance. We work closely with an attendance officer from Newham who will be meeting with the parents of children where attendance falls below 90%.

Remember if you are struggling getting your child into school, please speak to Mrs Edwards.



Date	Class
2.11.23	5J
9.11.23	Year 6 - Head pupil speeches
23.11.23	4P
7.12.23	3O
14.12.23	5J - steel pans

Author Visit

What better way to end a great half term than with an author visit. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 were treated to a visit from illustrator and author Gary Northfield. The children heard Gary read extracts from his book as well as take part in an illustrating workshop.





Dates to Note



INSET Days - School Closed:

Friday 24th November 2023

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2024

Holiday - School Closed

Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October 2023 - Half term

Thursday 23rd December—Wednesday 3rd January 2024
- Christmas Holiday

Monday 12th—Friday 16th February 2023 - Half term

Monday 29th March — Friday 12th April 2023 - Easter
Holiday

Other Dates to Note

Tuesday 31st October—Y3 Stone Age Workshop

Friday 3rd November—Y2 Great Fire of London/St. Pauls
Cathedral Visit

Tuesday 7th November - Year 3 East London Buddhist
Cultural Centre Visit

Monday 13th - Friday 17th October - Anti Bullying Week

Monday 13th November—Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 15th November - Year 4 Visit to Terling

Monday 20th November - Individual and Sibling photographs

Thursday 30th November - Year 6 visit Docklands Museum

Monday 11th December — Y5 History off the Page — An-
cient Greece

Tuesday 12th December - KS2 Visit to Pantomime at Thea-
tre Royal Stratford East

Events - parents can attend:

Thursday 23rd November - Parents Meetings (School closes
at 1:30pm)

Date to be confirmed - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December - Nursery (AM:9:30 or PM 2:30)
Christmas Singalong

Friday 15th December - KS1 Nativity (9:30-10:30am)

Tuesday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Concert (2-3pm)

Uniform

Thank you to those parents who are ensuring that their child is in correct uniform everyday. We have noticed that some children are not wearing the correct uniform. During the holiday, please ensure that your child has the correct uniform ready for when they return to school. A reminder, if your child has PE they must wear the school PE kit to school that day.



Curriculum - Autumn 2 Flip Learning

Below are some of the areas children will be learning about next half-term. Remember, you can help your child by supporting them to re-search using the internet, books or visits to museums. Please check the website for further details.

Nursery	The Gingerbread Man Food & Celebrations
Reception	We' re going on a bear hunt Exploring Our Environment
Year 1	The Magic Paintbrush Animals (Humans focus) My School & Where I Live
Year 2	Jack & the Beanstalk Living Things and their Habitats
Year 3	Light Stone Age to Iron Age
Year 4	Animals including humans (Digestion and Teeth) London versus Terling—Cities & Villages
Year 5	Properties & changes to materials Ancient Greece
Year 6	Electricity Changing Docks

Reading - A message from Miss Dallas (Literacy Leader)

Did you know, children who are read to hear 1.4 million more words than children who are not? It is never too late to close this gap! A good pace to start is choosing a book to enjoy with your child each night before bed. If you are unsure about where to begin to find a book, talk to your child about books they have enjoyed in school and over half term it would be a fantastic time to go to the local library and choose some books with your children.

This term, years 2-5 really enjoyed the author Gary Northfield's visit and it inspired many of them to read more of his books, including the Julius Zebra series (KS2) and Derek The Sheep (KS1). Year 6 also joined an online meeting with Thomas Taylor to learn more about their Love of Reading book next term, after which they requested his whole set of Eerie on Sea books for their class book corners! If your child enjoyed their class love of reading book this half term, it would be lovely to continue and read the next in the series or another book of the same author.

Year 1 - fairytales

Year 2 - modern picture books

Year 3 - Worst Class in the World by Joanna Nadin (series)

Year 4 - How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell (series)

Year 5 - The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie (series)

Year 6 - Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpungo (many books written by the same author)

Happy reading!

Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed our annual survey in the summer term. The results were generally very positive. Thank you for the lovely comments as well as the feedback on what we could do better—we will be working on this. Unfortunately, we did not get as many responses back as we would have liked. Please do share your views in the survey this year!

- 37 Surveys returned
- 94% said their child is happy at school (the remaining 6% selected do not know)
- 97% said their child feels safe at this school
- 92% said they would recommend the school to another parent
- Some of the things that parents said were strengths: The teachers care about the students and always pushing them to do their best. Very informative. Always listen to their students.
- Excellent teaching staff
- The school grounds are always kept beautifully, and teachers are always personally invested in the children's future.
- Celebrating diversity and culture, providing wholesome extracurricular activities covering a variety of different subject areas.
- Great sporting opportunities

The most common response for areas for improvement were:

- Communication - day to day e.g. more notice of special days
- Communication - about my child's progress
- Nothing - we are happy.

Curriculum Enrichment Autumn 1



Applying for a Reception Place

If your child is born between September 2019 and the 31st August 2020, you should now apply for a Reception place.



Apply via the [eAdmissions](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) portal (www.eadmissions.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. Please remember, all must apply even if your child already attends our Nursery. Please speak to a member of staff in the office if you have any questions. If you know any family or friends who are also looking for Reception places please pass on the details. We will be holding an open event in November where they can come and find out about our Reception.

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At Scott Wilkie, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is at the heart of our policies, practice and values. This half term our Rights Ambassadors met and discussed the first steps we need to take to reach our Gold Rights Respecting School Award. As well as continuing to learn about their rights in school, they have also decided to explore how to apply this knowledge in their lives outside of school and be proactive in effecting the changes they wish to see, acting as global citizens and upholding the rights of others.

Next term we will be focusing on:

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Article 28- Children have the right to an education no matter who they are: regardless of race, gender or disability. Within our community, the Rights Ambassadors will be running attendance competitions to encourage all children to enjoy their right to an education by coming to school every day and highlighting the importance of education to parents through informational posters (be on the look out for these next half term!). However, whilst all Scott Wilkie children enjoy an outstanding education, unfortunately, this is not the case for many children around the world and so we will be focusing our efforts on campaigning for all children to have access to an education.